

# THE EAGLE

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## In Brief

### Survivor Benefit Plan

Retirees are guaranteed a monthly income for life, but retired pay stops on the date the retiree dies. The SBP was created to protect widowed spouses and dependent children from the total loss of security retired pay provides. With SBP, a retiree's eligible survivors will always receive part of the deceased member's military retired pay. Prior to retiring, everyone will have the chance to enroll. Additional details are available by calling the 70th Intelligence Wing SBP Counselor, Ms. Wanda Sims, at 301-677-0202.

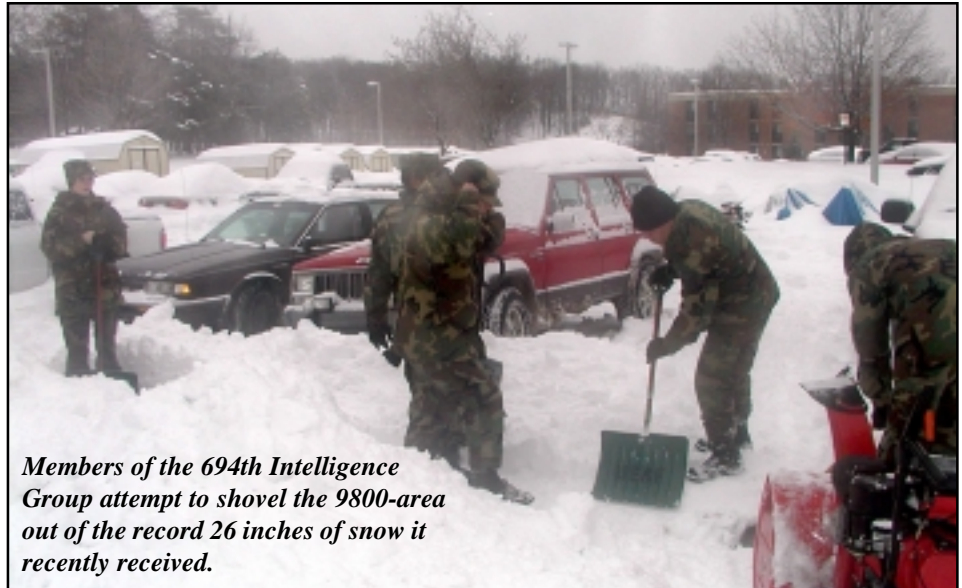
### Free tax preparation

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program is a free tax preparation service open to all service members. The 70th Intelligence Wing VITA Tax Center, located in Bldg. 9827, Rm. 106A, is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Service members are asked to contact their workcenter's VITA representative to schedule federal income tax return preparation. The center will not prepare state income tax returns this year but does have many of the states' forms and instructions available for pick-up.

For more information, contact the Fort Meade VITA Tax Center at 301-677-9762/9763.

### 'MyPay' offers W-2s online

For easy and fast access to military W-2's, visit the "MyPay" website at <http://www.dfas.mil/mypay>. W2's from 1998-2002 are available for printing off this site.



*Members of the 694th Intelligence Group attempt to shovel the 9800-area out of the record 26 inches of snow it recently received.*

Courtesy photo

## 694th SPTS 'CAN DO' spirit wins war against record snowfall

by SSgt. Kristina Brown

70th Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

It all started with six inches of snowfall Feb. 15. No problem! The 694th Support Squadron's Civil Engineering and Transitional Flights, with help from the dormitory residents, leaped into action and quickly cleared vital sidewalks and roads within the 9800-area, home to the 70th Intelligence Wing Headquarters as well as the 694th Intelligence Group. The troops had won the first round.

However, the snow really began to fall on the evening of Feb. 15 and steadily continued through the early morning of Feb. 17. By the time the last flake fell, a record 26-inch snowfall had covered the area, closing down the National Security Agency and Fort Meade from Feb. 17-19.

Fort Meade found itself snowed in and under emergency conditions. After assessing the extent of the storm, the 694 SPTS/CE and Transitional Flights sprung into action once again to remove the snow in the 9800-area, ensuring the safety of all 9800-area occupants.

Mr. Norman LaSalle, 694 SPTS Civil Engineer, made his way to the post in his four-wheel drive vehicle Feb. 17, President's Day, and mustered the 9800-area dormitory residents for battle.

"Facilities management requires quick action in any emergency situation," said LaSalle. "There was no option whether or not to somehow make my way into work and begin the clean-up – civilian or not."

The dorm residents were on call and

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# Personal responsibility: the bottom line

by Col. James O. Poss

70th Intelligence Wing Commander

Every day we all make hundreds of decisions that impact our lives and those around us. With each decision, you must consider the consequences before you act.

This is the basis of taking responsibility for yourself, which is the bedrock upon which the Air Force's core values stand: integrity, service before self, and excellence in all you do.

I'm concerned that some folks in this wing haven't been exercising personal responsibility when they

choose to drink. I've seen a recent spike in incidents where alcohol abuse was the common factor. This spike has spanned the rank structure and occurred in units across the wing. We have to stop this.

It's bad enough to see careers destroyed when someone does not think through the consequences of their actions. It's worse to consider the lives that are shattered when abuse of alcohol leads to drunken driving or other irresponsible personal action leading to destroyed reputations or even destroyed lives.

Preventing drunk driving is a special emphasis item for

me. (You will find an article concerning the consequences of driving under the influence on the next page.)

When you choose to drink alcohol, remember there will be consequences. Make sure your decision to drink doesn't become a decision that you or those who care for you cannot live with. If you drink, don't drive; even if you aren't driving and decide to drink, do it responsibly – the consequences are yours.

Safety is another area where personal responsibility is paramount. Before you engage in dangerous activities you must make responsible preparations.

When you drive, buckle your safety belt. When you ride a motorcycle, wear a helmet. If you skydive – well, if you really, really must skydive, take every safety course offered and use the best gear out there.

If you don't take safety precautions, you greatly increase your risk of injury, death, or injury to others. I need you fully operational for this coming war. You can't fight our kind of war if you've lost your clearance for alcohol abuse or if you're laid up in a hospital somewhere because you forgot to buckle that seatbelt! It's all your responsibility.

## AFAF kicks off 2003 campaign

The Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" campaign started Feb. 27, with Col. Poss signing the first donation receipt.

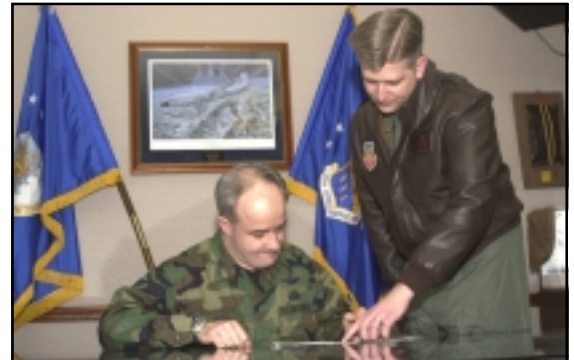
The campaign asks airmen to contribute to one or more of four Air Force-related charities through cash, check or payroll deduction.

The charities benefit active-duty,

Reserve, Guard and retired Air Force people, surviving spouses, and families.

For more information on this year's AFAF campaign, see page 8.

*(At Right) Col. Poss is assisted by Capt. Roger Bishop, the wing's 2003 AFAF representative, in filling out his donation receipt.*



## Commander's Action Line

### A direct link to the 70th Intelligence Wing Commander

The action line is a monthly column designed to address the questions and concerns of members of the 70th Intelligence Wing.

The column is intended as a forum to support individual concerns and should be used in conjunction with the chain of command, inspector general, chaplain, or other professional means.

Try to resolve issues and problems at the lowest level possible. If you feel you are not getting satisfactory results, you may direct your concern to this forum.

Questions and concerns must be accompanied by a complete name, phone number or e-mail address for official responses. For privacy concerns, names will be withheld from newsprint on request. All Action Line items will receive the commander's attention. Action items can be brought into the public affairs office in building 9805, room 205 or e-mailed to 70iw.pa@ft-meade.af.mil.

Also, look for an Action Line link on the 70 IW web page.



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ready at a moment's notice, and with LaSalle at the helm, the team used snow shovels and the squadron's one small tractor/plow to begin digging out from the tremendous snow.

"Who could complain when we were shoveling elbow-to-elbow with Col. (Kathryn) Gauthier (694 IG commander), Lt. Col. (John) Kaplan (694 SPTS commander), and 1st Lt. (Eric) French (694 SPTS/CE flight commander). This was a true team effort," said LaSalle. After a full day of shoveling and plowing, the record snowstorm was still winning the battle, but it was not to win the war.

The next day, SSgt. Mitchell Ramirez of the 694 SPTS/CE Flight, took command of the team. Ramirez walked approximately one mile in knee-deep snow from his Fort Meade residence to the 9800-area to continue the snow removal operations.

With help from Army National Guard mechanics, Ramirez and crew fired up the snow blowers and a vintage front-end loader to continue the removal. As the day came to an end, small paths dotted the snow-covered landscape, allowing 9800-area residents and mission essential personnel to navigate the area.

On the final day of battle, TSgt. James Jensen, also of the 694 SPTS/CE team, assumed control of the snow removal team and "plowed" on. Jensen and his team began clearing parking spaces and widening the narrow walking paths previously cleared. The team concentrated on the 70th Intelligence Wing and 694 IG parking areas in order to facilitate operations on Feb. 20, the next day.

As promised, the 9800-area was ready to resume full operations Feb. 20. Snow removal continued throughout the next two days, ensuring full-up operations were not hindered.

"The dedication and efforts of the Civil Engineering and Transitional Flight troops were absolutely first-class," said Lt. Col. John J. Kaplan, 694th SPTS commander. "Our small CE team and the young troops in the 9800-area dormitories really came through with flying colors and showed everyone what the squadron's 'CAN DO' spirit is all about."

## DWI/DUI endangers more than careers; lives at stake

by Col. James O. Poss

70th Intelligence Wing Commander

As the 70th Intelligence Wing reached the end of a record-setting 2002, the wing has faced an unacceptable increase in alcohol related incidents. Wing leadership remains deeply concerned over a series of recent driving while intoxicated incidents, which are all the more disturbing because **every** Air Force member knows the risks of DWI (personal injury, death, imprisonment, fines, loss of security clearances and career setbacks and termination).

Yet, through lapses in judgement, some people continue to accept these risks at grave peril to themselves and others. There is never a good reason to drive after drinking alcohol, but there are always plenty of reasons not to. Allowing alcohol consumption to cloud one's judgement in no way relieves one of the consequences of his or her actions.

Consider this, in addition to the guilt surviving drunk drivers must bear, military people caught driving while intoxicated can face career-ending and damaging punishment. "Our advice to commanders will be tailored to the facts of any given situation," said Maj. James Dapper, 70 IW staff judge advocate.

"However, when an Air Force member of any rank is found guilty, wrongdoers should expect to endure punishment commensurate with their offense. And, as we all know, DUI and DWI are serious offenses." Also, the amount of your post-Air Force VA benefits may be reduced if

you are killed or injured as a result of your DWI/DUI. That could be a crushing blow to you or your surviving family members.

For a DWI offense, the punishment ranges from Article 15 nonjudicial punishment to a general court martial. If there is no personal injury, the maximum sentence in a general court-martial is a bad conduct discharge or a dismissal from the service if the convicted member is an officer.

Punishment for enlisted personnel may include a fine, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, confinement for six months or reduction to E-1. If death results, the offender could be charged with involuntary manslaughter, which could include a maximum sentence of confinement for 10 years in addition to other measures.

With these stark consequences to consider, if you choose to drink, it's imperative that you plan for safe and dependable transportation. Use a designated driver; call a cab; use public transportation, but **never** drink and drive.

The risk of dying or receiving a DWI/DUI conviction is just too great and the consequences are always unacceptable. Remember, even one drink will adversely affect your judgment, decrease your reaction time and increase your chances of having an accident.

Lastly, if you see your friends or co-workers preparing to drive after drinking, stop them. If you can't stop them, call the police immediately. Admittedly, it's a tough call, but you may save a life or a career.

## DD-Form 93 replaced by vRED

The Virtual Record of Emergency Data went live Jan. 27 and will replace the FormFlow version of the DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data. Because this is such a big change, it will be phased in over a period of several months. Fort Meade's goal is to be 100 percent complete by May 4.

Completion of the vRED is mandatory for every active duty military member. The vRED

resides within the Virtual Military Personnel Flight ([http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/km/vMPF\\_Portal/vMPF\\_Portal.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/km/vMPF_Portal/vMPF_Portal.htm)) and allows members to have 24/7 access to their emergency contact information.

For additional information, contact the wing's Casualty Assistance/Survivor Benefit Counselor, Ms. Wanda Sims, at 301-677-0202.



# 90 years

## One family serves with distinction from



Photo by SSgt. Kristina Brown

***Capt. Brian Chappell is the latest in his family to serve in the armed forces. The Chappell family's military roots date back to 1913 when his great grandfather joined the U.S. Army as a Buffalo Soldier.***

**by Capt. Tim Gameros**  
91st Intelligence Squadron

Like three generations of his family before him, Capt. Brian K. Chappell, of the 91st Intelligence Squadron, has answered the call to serve our nation. But for African-Americans like the Chappells, the call to Service has not always been without cost.

The price paid by individuals like his great-grandfather, Linold Chappell, who served as a Buffalo Soldier, and great-uncle, Roy Chappell, who served as a Tuskegee Airman, helped open doors for all minority members and to shape the military and the nation as we know it today.

### ***Buffalo Soldier***

With the creation of segregated regiments during the Civil War, Blacks could enlist and serve as non-

commissioned officers in the Union Army but were not allowed to serve as commissioned officers. After the war, the War Department reorganized the Black regiments into the 9th and 10th Cavalries and the 24th and 25th Infantry Regiments. These units became known as the Buffalo Soldiers. American Indians bestowed this title of honor because of the soldiers' undying ferocity in battle and the way their coats looked like buffalo hides.

For more than 50 years, the Buffalo Soldiers served as wardens of the Western frontier. They protected towns and settlers, constructed roads and outposts, and built and operated mills, telegraph networks, and supply chains. They scouted, explored, and mapped the frontier while protecting unassigned lands from illegal incursions, hunting down outlaws, and at times battling tribal nations and foreign powers.

All the while, they suffered prejudice

due to their Union uniforms and the color of their skin. The Buffalo Soldiers overcame all of these obstacles, but few know the breadth and scope of their service, even today.

Linold Chappell enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1913, at the age of 21. He was assigned to the 24th Infantry Regiment as a fireman and was described by his commander as a man of "excellent character." Linold was stationed at Camp Furlong in Columbus, N.M., three miles from the Mexican border.

Gen. Francisco "Pancho" Villa attacked the town on March 9, 1916. It was the first and last armed invasion of the continental United States since the War of 1812. Villa attacked in the pre-dawn hours, killing eighteen before he was driven back into Mexico with a loss of 100 men.

On June 15 - 16, 1919, the 24th Infantry pursued Villa five miles into Mexican territory after he fired shots into El Paso, Texas, from neighboring Juarez, Mexico. Linold was recognized for his participation in this action.

### ***Tuskegee Airman***

Linold Chappell had three children: William, Roy, and Emma. The youngest son, Roy Chappell was born in September 1921. When the United States entered World War II in 1941, Roy heard about a new program that trained Black aviators. It had been established due largely to the efforts of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Urban League.

At the time, military units were still segregated, and remained so until President Harry S. Truman's Executive Order 8891 in 1948. However, the Selective Service Act of 1940 had banned discrimination in the military selection and training of all American citizens, regardless of race or color, and for the first

# f service

## m Buffalo Soldier era to present day

time Blacks were allowed to earn officer commissions.

Feeling honored to serve his country, Roy was accepted into the Tuskegee program and was commissioned a second lieutenant prior to beginning flight school at Tuskegee Institute. He was trained and qualified as a navigator/bombardier on the B-25J Mitchell and was assigned to the 477th Bombardment Group, the first Tuskegee Airmen unit trained for service in multi-engine aircraft.

The aviators were under constant pressure to excel because many of those in power did not think that Black men could or should fly aircraft. Says Capt. Chappell, “The (Tuskegee) program was designed to fail because failure would have reinforced the racist belief that Blacks were incapable of flying aircraft. However, these were elite, college-educated Black men, fighting for the better treatment of Blacks in America. They accomplished their mission; they did not fail.”

One of the most famous Tuskegee Airmen units, the 99th Fighter Pursuit Squadron, earned many distinguished unit citations, participating in campaigns in Sicily, Rome, and Romania. Often assigned to escort bombing missions, the 99th never lost a bomber to enemy fire, an astounding feat.

But Roy’s unit was assigned to endless training. Over the next four years, the 477th was transferred seven times. In January 1944, the officers of the 477th were refused entry to the Selfridge Field, Mich., Officers’ Club in an unlawful attempt at segregation. This was in direct violation of Army Regulation 210-10, which stated that all social facilities must offer “all officers on duty at the post the right to full membership, either permanent or temporary.”

Fearing protests by angry civilians, command quickly transferred the entire

unit to Godman Field, Ky.

In April 1945, at Freeman Field, Ind., the members of the 477th once again found themselves barred from the officers’ club. Approaching the base commander, Col. Robert R. Selway, Jr., they were informed, “Students don’t go into the O-club.” The 477th was directed to use a hastily prepared, segregated “trainee club,” also known as “Officer Club Number One.”



Courtesy photo

**Linold Chappell, Capt. Chappell’s great grandfather, joined the U.S. Army in 1913 and served as a Buffalo Soldier.**

More than fifty Black officers were arrested when they attempted to enter the “white” officers’ club, and three were charged with “assault” for allegedly bumping an officer.

Selway ordered every black officer to sign Base Regulation 85-2, which endorsed segregation by mandating two separate officers’ clubs. Roy and one hundred other officers refused. The command then ordered the 477th to sign a

blank sheet of paper certifying that they had read the segregation order. Records show that Roy replied, “I don’t care to sign that.” Nor did the other 100 officers.

The group, later known as the “101 Club,” was placed under house arrest, while Selway threatened to impose courts martial under charges of treason. The men were transferred to heavily fortified Fort Knox, Ky., where they were kept under guard, while German prisoners of war walked freely with no guards and laughed at the irony of the guarded American Tuskegee Airmen.

A storm of protest by civil rights groups and politicians led to the release of the officers within a matter of days. All charges were dropped against most of the men, but Letters of Reprimand were placed in every officer’s record. Those LORs remained on record for 50 years, until Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, then Chief of Staff of the Air Force, finally removed them in 1995.

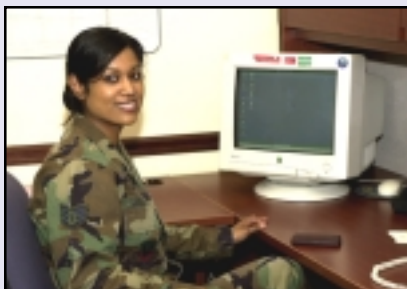
The struggles of the 477th were a driving force behind President Truman’s 1948 desegregation order, and they foreshadowed the struggle for equal rights that would soon grip the nation.

Roy received many honors after the war, both for his courage as a Tuskegee Airmen and for outstanding service to his community. He was a teacher and vice principal, the president of the Chicago chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Incorporated, and an ardent supporter of the Young Eagles program, which provided mentorship and guidance to inner city youth.

In 2001, Roy won the Humanitarian Award from the Experimental Aircraft Association and the National Leadership Award from Phillips Petroleum Company for his leadership and involvement in the Young Eagles Program.

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## Eagle Warrior



**SSgt. Maha Salamah**

*694th Intelligence Group  
Plans Office*

**Years of service:** 6

**Hometown:** U.S. Virgin Islands

**Family:** Immediate family lives in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**Job Title:** Just transitioned from the Open Source Intelligence Office to the 694th Intelligence Group Plans Office as the Assistant NCOIC.

**Primary duties and responsibilities:**

"In OSINT, I researched open sources such as books, periodicals, internet, and at times, conducted interviews. With the information gathered, I compiled a presentation to brief commanders on topics such as the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and our upcoming war on Iraq. I'm still learning my way around my new job with XP."

**Most rewarding job aspect:** "It (OSINT) was an extremely satisfying job because I knew I was tackling important issues that could affect our international stability."

**Goals:** "It is my hope to continue being an outstanding airman and be the best at what I do. I also hope to be an optometrist one day."

**Hobbies:** "I love to sing and write poetry."

**Favorite aspect of Fort Meade:** "Being a part of a community with an important mission."

**What would you change about Fort Meade?** "I would add/improve programs and community services that would boost and foster morale and teamwork."

## 70th Intelligence Wing salutes ...

### Airman Leadership School Graduates, Class 2003-C

#### 70th Intelligence Wing Airman Leadership School Award Winners

John L. Levitow Award

SrA Elizabeth E. Walker, 22nd Intelligence Squadron

The Leadership Award

SrA Madra L. Martinez, 22 IS

Distinguished Graduate Awards

SrA Robbin L. Wasmuth II, 22 IS

SrA Madra L. Martinez, 22 IS

Academic Achievement Award

SrA Elizabeth J. Hansen, 22 IS

~~~~~ Class 2003-C graduates: ~~~~~

Nighthawk Flight

22nd Intelligence Squadron

SrA Abigail J. Casas

SrA Yvonne M. Flores

SrA Matthew R. Gordon

SrA Kyle B. Hill

SrA Gerald A. Martin III

SrA Robbin L. Wasmuth II

29th Intelligence Squadron

SrA Brian G. Feldman

SrA Jonathan W.C. Hendrickson

SrA Matthew D. Lamanna

SrA Marius D. Broady

91st Intelligence Squadron

SrA Seth A. Bucy

694th Support Squadron

SrA Ryan K. Bowen

70th Intelligence Wing

SrA Heather L. Brown

SrA Michael B. Ferguson

SrA Melissa C. Logan

OL A, DET 1 Air Intelligence Agency

SrA Randy M. Sibley

Sentry Flight

22nd Intelligence Squadron

SrA Benjamin O. Barnes

SrA Elizabeth J. Hansen

SrA Madra L. Martinez

SrA Joshua A. Placek

SrA Ronald Suber Jr.

SrA Melissa L. Terceira

SrA Elizabeth E. Walker

29th Intelligence Squadron

SrA Maricely Montgomery

SrA Willie R. Riesgaard

32nd Intelligence Squadron

SrA Michael Anthony C. Archie

SrA Tamara J. Broady

SrA Darren S. Lute

91st Intelligence Squadron

SrA Tyson Newton

694th Support Squadron

SrA Shawn G. Stewart

Det 1 23 Info Ops Squadron

SrA Craig A. DePriest

70th Intelligence Wing

SrA Mahogany M. Armstead

## Air Force Cryptologic Office Annual Awards

#### Air Force Cryptologic Office Air Force Communications and Information Annual Award winners:

Communications and Information Company Grade Officer of the year

**1st Lt. Benjamin T. Dean**

Communications-Electronic Systems Outstanding SNCO of the year

**MSgt. Thomas A. Hardin**

Communications-Electronic Systems Outstanding NCO of the year

**TSgt. Patrick F. McMahon**

Communications-Computer Systems Outstanding SNCO of the year

**MSgt. Ralph L. Scolamiero**

Communications-Computer Systems Outstanding NCO of the year

**TSgt. Dwayne N. Anderson**

#### Air Force Cryptologic Office 2002 Air Force Intelligence Award Program winners

Outstanding Active Duty Intelligence SNCO of the Year Level II

**SMSgt. Mark E. Quicksell**

Outstanding Active Duty Intelligence NCO of the Year Level II

**SSgt. Nathaniel D. Schmidt**

Outstanding Enlisted Intelligence Contributor of the Year Level II

**MSgt. Ralph L. Scolamiero**





(From left) TSgt. Cheri J. Ebbrecht; SrA Jeremy L. Dodson; Capt. Paul R. Kaster, Jr.; Mr. Anthony Mullins; SSgt. Ronaldo Martinez, Jr.; and MSgt. Phillip E. King, all winners of 694th Intelligence Group Annual Awards.



Photos by SSgt. Kristina Brown

Members of the 32nd Intelligence Squadron celebrate their Squadron of the Year victory.

## 694th Intelligence Group Annual Awards

### Airman of the Year

**SrA Jeremy L. Dodson**  
29th Intelligence Squadron

### Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

**TSgt. Cheri J. Ebbrecht**  
694th Support Squadron

### Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

**MSgt. Phillip E. King**  
91st Intelligence Squadron

### Company Grade Officer of the Year

**Capt. Paul R. Kaster**  
91st Intelligence Squadron



### Outstanding Civilian of the Year

**Mr. Anthony Mullins**  
694th Support Squadron

### Honor Guardsman of the Year

**SSgt. Ronaldo Martinez, Jr.**  
91st Intelligence Squadron

### First Sergeant of the Year

**SMSgt. Jerome McCoy**  
29th Intelligence Squadron

**Squadron of the Year**  
32nd Intelligence Squadron

***Congratulations to the following 70th Intelligence Wing members promoted under the wing's Stripes for Exceptional Performers program:***

### Promoted to master sergeant

**Dana L. Grier, 31st Intelligence Squadron**

### Promoted to technical sergeant

**Tiffany L. Carter, 31st Intelligence Squadron**

### Promoted to technical sergeant

**Cesar M. Rodriguez, 694th Support Squadron**

### Promoted to technical sergeant

**Gerald D. Babcock, 29th Intelligence Squadron**

### Promoted to technical sergeant

**SSgt Aimee R. Hagan, 373d Support Squadron**



Photo by SSgt. Kristina Brown

## Chief Induction

***The 70th Intelligence Wing's two newest chiefs are inducted into the chiefrank at a recent ceremony. Pictured (from left) are SMSgt. Robert Wyman, 32nd Intelligence Squadron, and SMSgt. Kevin Andrews, Air Force Cryptologic Office.***

## "Heritage," from page 5 —

In August 2002, Tuskegee Airmen Incorporated awarded Roy with its two highest awards, the Brigadier General Noel Parrish Award and the National President's Award. It was the first time both awards had been given to any one individual.

On Sept. 22, 2002, Roy died at the age of 81. "The Roy Chappell Honor Assembly" at Carnegie School was named in his honor. The Honors program at Kentucky State University and a Chicago chapter of the Civil Air Patrol have all been submitted to be renamed after Roy Chappell.

Two other members of the Chappell family also served with distinction in the U.S. military. His grandfather, Pvt. Fred James, served as a U.S. Army Quartermaster during World War II, and was in combat at Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe.

Additionally, Capt. Chappell's uncle, Sgt. Maj. Chauncey Reed, retired from the U.S. Army after a thirty year career that spanned from 1956-1986. He served as an air defense radar operator, intelligence analyst and first sergeant, earning the Combat Infantryman Badge during two combat tours in Vietnam's Central Highlands.



Courtesy photo

***Capt. Chappell's great uncle, Roy Chappell, served in the U.S. Army as a Tuskegee Airman.***

Almost 100 years after his great grandfather proudly served as a Buffalo Soldier, Capt. Brian Chappell represents the current generation of the Chappell family. Commissioned in 1992, Chappell says he overcame many obstacles in high school to earn a commission in the Air Force, thanks largely to the encouragement, guidance and example of his mother Jan and great-uncle Roy.

His ten-year career includes command of a Minuteman III missile combat crew;

work as an instructor, flight commander and group executive officer at Minot AFB, N.D.; and completion of Squadron Officer School at Maxwell AFB, Ala. He held posts as a Titan IV launch crew commander, instructor, assistant flight commander, evaluator, and protocol officer at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

He also appeared on The Learning Channel special, "The Rockets' Red Glare," to discuss the Titan program. He teamed on two space shuttle missions and served as the operations group standardization officer for the historic 100th space shuttle mission.

Chappell arrived at Fort Meade in February 2002. He is a Nuclear Command and Control Operations Officer and Ballistic Missile Defense Program Manager. He was recently selected for promotion to the rank of major and is currently writing a book about his family history with genealogical information dating back to his slave ancestors in 1828.

Regarding his family's history of service, Chappell says, "Even though the country did not fully appreciate their service, they still served with distinction and honor. They were forward-looking and did not stumble in the face of adversity. They believed, 'If we don't put forth the effort to help ourselves, no one will do it for us.' And they loved serving in the military."

## Air Force Assistance Fund information card

Charities under the AFAF umbrella include:

- ▶ The Air Force Aid Society, the official charitable organization of the Air Force, provides airmen and their families with worldwide emergency financial assistance, education assistance and an array of base level community-enhancement programs. Local family support centers have full details on programs and eligibility requirements.
- ▶ The Air Force Enlisted Foundation at Fort Walton Beach, Fla., provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted people 55 and older. More information is available at <http://www.afenlistedwidows.org>
- ▶ The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund in San Antonio is a life-care community

for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members. It includes an indigent widows fund for widows and widowers of Air Force officers. The Air Force Village's Web site is <http://www.airforcevillages.com>

- ▶ The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, provides rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted people in their own homes and communities. The LeMay Foundation Web site is <http://www.info@lemayfoundation.org>.

Contributions to the AFAF are tax deductible as an itemized federal deduction. For more information on the AFAF campaign, visit the Air Force Personnel Center's voting and fundraising Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund>.

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